

Diary Dates

Sun, 6	9am Tamworth City Worship Service & Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Light Morning tea.		<i>11:30am Korean Reborn</i>
Mon, 7	SU Chaffey Camp 7-12 Jan 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am-2pm UNITING Support Group in St Andrew's Room	Mon, 21	10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am-2pm UNITING Support Group in St Andrew's Room
Tue, 8	9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep	Tue, 22	9am-2pm Church Office T-F 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep 4pm SU Tent
Wed, 9	9am Op Shop Sorting	Wed, 23	9am-12 Songwriters StAR 9am Op Shop Sorting 5pm Concert in Jubilee Hall
Thu, 10	4:30pm Worship Music	Thu, 24	24-28 Jan Norma O'Hara Murphy Bush Camp in StAR 4:30pm Worship Music
Sat, 12	9am-12noon Op Shop 1pm-5pm SUFM Training	Sat, 26	AUSTRALIA DAY
Sun, 13	9am Tamworth City Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. <i>11:30am Korean Reborn</i>	Sun, 27	9am Tamworth City Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Light Morning tea in Vestry. <i>11:30am Korean Reborn</i>
Mon, 14	10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am-2pm UNITING Support Group in St Andrew's Room 6-9pm Dance in Jubilee Hall	Mon, 28	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tue, 15	8am Meals on Wheels 8:30am Flourish Aust in St Andrew's Room 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep	Tue, 29	School Term 1 Commences 9am-2pm Church Office T-F 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep 10am-4pm Op Shop T-F
Wed, 16	9am Op Shop Sorting 10am-4pm Op Shop W-F	Wed, 30	9am Op Shop Sorting
Thu, 17	4:30pm Worship Music	Thu, 31	9:30am MSSC at Southside 4:30pm Worship Music
Fri, 18	10am Craft Group in StAR	Fri, 1	9:30am Preaching Workshop 10am Craft Group 12noon Lunch & DVD
Sat, 19	9am-12noon Op Shop	Sat, 2	9am-12noon Op Shop 9:30am Preaching Workshop
Sun, 20	9am Tamworth City Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Light Morning tea.	Sun, 3	9am Tamworth City Worship



Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading our service. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.

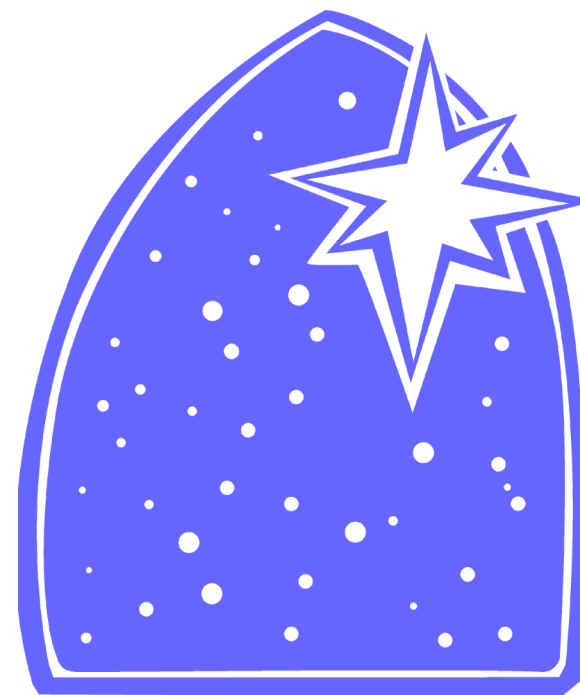
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Sacredise Daily Worship

Thought:

This year Epiphany, which is always celebrated on 6 January, falls on a Sunday. As we noted on Thursday, the word 'epiphany' speaks of a moment of sudden inspiration or insight. The goal of this celebration, and the Sunday's that follow it, is to take our insight into the incarnate Jesus deeper. To do this, the Lectionary offers two perspectives on Christ. Firstly, in the coming weeks, we will explore the way Jesus was viewed by those around him - John the Baptist, the disciples, the religious leaders, the crowds, and even God. Secondly, we will also be invited to recognise the various ways that God's glory was revealed in Christ. It's one thing to proclaim that God has become human. It's another thing to understand this human being, and to grasp his significance for our world. This is the work of the Epiphany season.

Today, the Gospel reading, as always on Epiphany, is from Matthew. It's the famous story of the visit of the magi to the young boy. This visit probably happened more than a year after Jesus' birth, and, for the Gospel, is a doorway to understand the mission and message of Jesus more deeply. One of the aims of Matthew's Gospel is to convince its readers that Jesus was indeed the Messiah, the "prophet like Moses" that the Old Testament promised. But, it also works hard to show that Jesus is a different kind of Messiah from the one the people expected. His mission included both Jews and Gentiles, rich and poor, insiders and outcasts. It expanded to embrace the nations, and the whole of creation. Jesus is a Messiah for all. As we begin our journey of understanding Jesus, this is a good, and challenging, place to start.

Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Reflection:

These "wise men" (or, more accurately, sorcerers) who visited Jesus raise a number of questions for us. To begin with they would never have been

Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays. HC 3rd Sunday. 9:30am only in Jan '19.

Ladies Breakfast: 7:30am on 4th Tuesday each month.

Tuesday Lunch: 12-1pm Tuesdays.

Prayer Team: 3:30pm Tuesdays.

Faith Art Group: 1pm Thursdays, alternate weeks, school terms.

Men's Choir: 5:30pm on Thursdays.

Moore Creek Pot Luck Dinner & Discussion: 6:30-9pm 1st Wed.

Men's Breakfast: 7:30am on 1st Saturday each month.

www.tamworthsouthside.org.au or

Facebook: Tamworth Southside UC

Our Vision: *To be a faithful & enthusiastic part of God's church in our community, sharing the love of Jesus.*

Mission Statements: *To build up individuals and teams, empowered by the Holy Spirit, using our spiritual gifts to serve each other and our community.*



Peel Valley Congregations

Sun, 16 Dec—11am West Tamworth resumes. Service with Rev Chris Wright.

Sun, 23 Dec—9am Baptism Service at Hallsville and 11am Service at West Tamworth with Meg Mangan

Tue, 25 Dec—9am Christmas Worship at Hallsville with Rev Henry Swinton

Sun, 20 Jan—7am Peel Valley Country Gospel Breakfast at Hallsville.

Sun, 27 Jan—West Tamworth Service resumes.

Sun, 10 Feb—Gowrie Service

GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS
Our Goal "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."
Mission "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve"
Pastor Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005
Contact: Margaret Crowell 0408 660 025



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 13 January Epiphany Wk 2

9am Tamworth City with Rev
Chris Wright, E: M Weick,
D: B Jonson, W Townsend;
O: R Richardson

9:30am Tamworth Southside Service

Sunday, 20 January Epiphany Wk 3

7am Hallsville Country Gospel
Breakfast

9am Tamworth City with Rev
Chris Wright, E: R Hely, D:
G Chaffey, H Fergus, O: R
Cathcart

9:30am Tamworth Southside Service

Sunday, 27 January Epiphany Wk 4

8:30am Hallsville Country Markets

9am Tamworth City with Rev
Chris Wright, E: B McLean,

D: N & J Dezius; O: R Greer,
PP: J McClelland

9:30am Tamworth Southside Service

11am West Tamworth Service

Sunday, 3 February Epiphany Wk 5

9am Tamworth City with Rev
Chris Wright HC &

Covenant Sunday, E: J

Bennett, P Turner, J

Carthew, M Weick, P

Battle, D: D & M Miles & J

Phillips, PP: M Miles, O: R

Greer

9:30am Tamworth Southside Service

11am West Tamworth Service,
lunch to follow

5pm Tamworth Southside Dinner
Church

Lectionary Readings

Sun 6	Psalm 80:1-7	10*		
Mon 7	Isaiah 43:1-7*	Tue 22	Isaiah 58:1-9a	
Tue 8	Isaiah 44:21-28	Wed 23	Isaiah 58:9b-14	
Wed 9	Isaiah 45:1-7	Thu 24	Luke 4:14-21*	
Thu 10	Revelation 21:1-8	Fri 25	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*	
Fri 11	Acts 8:14-17*	Sat 26	1 Peter 1:10-16	
Sat 12	Luke 3:15-22	Sun 27	Psalm 19*	
Sun 13	Psalm 29*	Mon 28	Jeremiah 1:4-10*	
Mon 14	Isaiah 62:1-5*	Tue 29	1 Corinthians 13:1-13*	
Tue 15	Galatians 2:1-10	Wed 30	1 Corinthians 14:1-12	
Wed 16	Galatians 2:11-21	Thu 31	1 Corinthians 14:13-25	
Thu 17	1 Corinthians 12:1-11*	Fri 1	Luke 4:21-30*	
Fri 18	John 2:1-11*	Sat 2	Psalm 71:1-6*	
Sat 19	Revelation 19:5-10	Sun 3	Psalm 71:7-24	
Sun 20	Psalm 36:1-12			
Mon 21	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-			

* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings

permitted to worship God in the Temple. They were Gentiles, and their occupation of divination was forbidden in the Hebrew law. Yet, they are among the first worshippers of Jesus. Then, there is the curious way they came to Jesus – following signs in the heavens and being led by a star – and how they left – being warned in a dream of Herod's evil intentions. It's interesting how clearly



they seemed to hear the "voice" of God, while Herod – the king of God's people – was deaf to the new thing God was doing. This story quickly blurs the lines we like to draw concerning who is "in" and who is "out" from God's perspective.

The message of this story is strong and clear, though. The birth of Christ, although it happened in a hidden corner of the world, was not just a gift to one group or nation. It was a gift to the entire world, and anyone who is willing to listen, to watch, and to be open to God's voice can experience God's grace and love.

How can you be more mindful of God's presence in your life today?

Practice for Today:

As the magi show, it is not just the Scriptures that reveal God to us. Sometimes God speaks through the natural world (the ancient Celts called nature the "Second Bible"). Sometimes God speaks to us through other people. The issue is not whether God is speaking. It's whether we're listening. Today, in every person and situation, listen for the voice of God – especially where you don't expect it.

Breath-Prayer for Today:

Like the magi, O God, I choose to listen and watch for the signs of your presence.

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 6 January 2019

Epiphany Sunday Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Light Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

11:30am Sundays for worship and then the Jubilee Kitchen for lunch.

Deepest Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Keith Blanch who passed away during the week.

Farmer Care Packages

We continue to work with 'Doing it for our Farmers' and Rural Aid to bring support and assistance to farmers in need.

This Week's Events

Christmas Bowl

Thanks everyone for your generous donations towards the annual Act For Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal. We have raised \$1,445.05. Thank you.

SU Chaffey Camp

Keep in your prayers the young people attending the Scripture Union Chaffey Camp 7-12 January.

Opportunity Shop

Our Opportunity Shop is located at 24 Darling Street. Normal hours 10am-4pm Mondays to Fridays and 9am-12noon on Saturdays. Contact Lorraine (0401 762 463) or Judy (0418 662 081).

UNITING Support Group

UNITING Support Group meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Mondays from 10am-2pm from Home & Community Care. Recommencing 7 January.



Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who have led classes in our high schools this year—Andrew, Ross, Belinda, Alison and Dave. As usual, funding is solely from donations. If you would like to contribute: A/c name TSCEAI, BSB 032 621, A/c No. 372 372. Thank you. In recess now until 2019. Donations still gratefully received.

Prayer Chain

If you have a concern that you would particularly like prayer support for, please contact Judith Archbold 6766 6716 or Ted Woodhart 6766 1804 or Rev Chris Wright 0427 633 657.

Maintenance Items

Wheelchair/Walker

There is a wheelchair and a walker available in the Vestry to assist in transporting those who require one to and from the church carpark. Please return to the Vestry.

Food Hamper Sunday

Food Hamper Sunday is the 1st Sunday of the month. Bring along something to the office anytime. A shopping list might look like this: 2x1lt UHT milk, 500g sugar, 25 tea bag box, 50g coffee, 100gm tuna/sardines, 2xcuppa coup, 2xrice/pasta pack, 250g biscuits, tin baked beans/spaghetti (ring pull), tin steak & veg (or similar), 2minute noodles, small tinned fruit, small cereal. Thank you everyone.

Screening Mammogram

Breast Screen NSW Hunter New England offers all women aged 50-90yrs a free Screening Mammogram for the early detection of breast cancer. Call 132050.

Free Prostate Cancer Support

Counselling and information provided at Tamworth Hospital. Helping with Risk factors, testing and recovery. Phone diagnosis, treatment 1300 881 826.

Morning Tea Support

We enjoy a lovely morning tea every Sunday, thank you to those who help out each week on the roster (or co-opted). Would you like to join our team? Have a chat with Di Cole (6766 4552) or Joan Crosling (6761 8737). Housekeeping: a quick reminder to make a swap if you are not able to do your rostered day (let Di or Joan know too).

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

6/1: Today we focus on the Uniting Church in Australia, ordained ministry, councils of the Church, those who deliver and receive home communion today. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

13/1: Today we focus on the activities of the Worship, Evangelism, Property and Finance & Admin committees. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

20/1: Today we focus on Children's Ministry, Christian Education, Scripture in Schools, Sunday School, Young Families Worker, Mission Outreach and Rainbow Cottage. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

27/1: Today we focus on Pastoral Partners, Elders, St Andrew's Village, Fellowship Committee activities, Hospital Visitation and Opportunity Shop. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

6/1: Keep the people of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel and the occupied Palestinian Territories in your prayers this week.

13/1: Keep the people of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Iran and Iraq in your prayers this week.

20/1: Keep the people of the Cyprus, Greece and Turkey in your prayers this week.

27/1: Keep the people of the Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara and Tunisia in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the various churches around Tamworth in our prayers as they reach out to Country Music visitors during January.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for rain. With dams now at their lowest in many years, we keep those struggling through the drought in our prayers. Our preaching workshop in February 2019 (mentioned elsewhere in the notice sheet).

Church Office

The Office will close from Friday, 4-21 January. Thank you, everyone for your support and Happy New Year. *Nicolette*.

Line Dancing

The Locomotive Line Dancers hiring the Jubilee Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm on Tuesdays for Line Dancing and Occasional Social Dances on a Sunday afternoon. Recommencing 8 January.

Op Shop Working Bee

Sorting each Wednesday in the Vestry. Lots of chit-chat with your hard work and then a cuppa! All helpers welcome. A very industrious morning. Next get together on Wednesday, 9 January 2019.

Early Risers Prayer Group

In recess during January.

SUFM—SUITE

Scripture Union Family Missions are running their SUITE program on Saturday, 12 January. Conversations about Jesus—people love stories and we have a unique great story to share: Jesus' story colliding with our story and making a new life changing story. Sessions will be held at Tamworth West Public School Hall. Contact Dave Tankard 0401 571 978.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 13 January 2019

Epiphany 2 Sunday Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: M Weick, Door: B Johnston, W Townsend, Org: R Richardson. Morning Tea.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Our next rostered Kitchen day is Tuesday, 15 January from 8am.

Flourish Australia

Hiring the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 15 January from 8:30am.



Craft Group

Our craft group meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday morning of the month at 10am in the St Andrew's Room. Bring along some craft, have a chat and a cuppa. Our next get-together will be on Friday, 18 January.

Hallsville Country Gospel Breakfast

Sunday, 20 January from 7am at Hallsville Uniting Church.

Worship on Sunday, 20 January 2019

Epiphany 3 Sunday Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: R Hely, Door: G Chaffey, H Fergus, Org: R Cathcart. Light Morning Tea.

Church Office

Regular office hours recommencing Tuesday, 22 January 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday. *Nicolette*.

SU Country Music Tent

Please see Mariette if you can help with our regular roster on Tuesday, 22 January from 4-8pm. Cooked items also wanted. Mariette 6766 9909.

Tamworth Songwriters

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 23 January from 9am.

Country Music Show

Larissa Uebergang performing in the Jubilee Hall on Wed, 23 January 5pm.

Country Bush Camp

Norma O'Hara Murphy will hold her annual Bush Camp in the St Andrew's Room from Thursday, 24 to Monday, 28 January.

Australia Day

Saturday, 26 January. 7:30am Service at the Community Centre with Brendon Walmsley, Carter & Carter and Mark Moulynox. Public Holiday Monday, 28 January 2019.

Worship on Sunday, 27 January 2019

Epiphany 4 Sunday Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: B McLean, Door: N & J Dezius, Org: R Greer. **Light Australian Morning Tea in the Vestry.**

School Term 1

Commencing Tuesday, 29 January.

MSSC Meeting

Presbytery MSSC Meeting on Thursday, 31 January from 9:20am at Tamworth Southside.

Craft Group

Our craft group meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday morning of the month at 10am in the St Andrew's Room. Bring along some craft, have a chat and a cuppa. Our next get-together will be on Friday, 1 February.

Lunch & DVD

Our monthly Lunch & DVD Group will get up and running on 1 February from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Gold coin donation for lunch.

The World of Jesus & Us—preaching workshop

The NENW Presbytery are pleased to invite you to their annual Preaching Workshop on 1/2 February 2019 at Tamworth Southside. This year we have Rev Bill Loader leading us. The theme is The World of Jesus & Us—Poles apart, but connected at the core. All sessions are open to everyone. Registration forms are available on the back table or see Nicolette in the office if you'd like to register to attend any of the sessions. Bill has spent 40yrs serving in the Perth Theological Hall at Murdoch University. He has much to share.

Worship on Sunday, 3 February

Epiphany 5 Covenant Service & Holy Communion Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: J Bennett, P Turner, J Carthew, M Weick, P Battle, D: D & M Miles & J Phillips, PP M Miles, O: R Greer. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Diary Dates to Note

- January worship 9am followed by light morning tea (except 27th when we'll be in the Vestry for morning tea.
- Meditation Services recommence 6 February from 6pm.
- Stepping Stones recommences 7 February from 9:30am in Dunn Hall.